REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

No. 15511-90, *dated* 21*st*—26*th June* 1907.

Under Section 7 of the Forest Regulation, 1900, the Forest Settlement Officer is required to enquire not only into all claims duly preferred under Section 5 (*d*) of the Regulation but also into the existence and extent of any rights which have not been formally claimed. The Deputy Commissioners and the District Forest Officers are also enjoined to take special care that all customary rights known or believed to be enjoyed by any wild jungle tribes are brought to the notice of the Forest Settlement Officer in view to their being admitted and recorded by him. *Vide* Rule 16 of Rules regulating the procedure of the Forest Settlement Officers, published with Government Notification No 249-1304, dated 2nd October 1901. But it has been brought to notice that these provisions have seldom, if ever, been availed of and that the Forest Settlement Officer has to confine his enquiry ony to the claims urged before him, probably owiug to want of co-operation of the local Revenue officers, thereby causing considerable inconvenience not only to the agricultural classes but also to all the villagers generally who begin to prefer their grievances after the Forest Rules are put into operation in the tract. With a view, therefore, to enable the Forest Settlement Officer to collect as much information as is necessary to fully justify the agricultural and other needs of the locality and meet the convenience of the villagers residing in the proximity of the Forest, the Revenue Commissioner desires to impress on all Amildars the necessity of their keeping themselves in touch with the Forest Settlement proceedings in their taluks and bringing to the notice of the Settlement Officer such interests of Government or rights of the people as are apt to be overlooked by him owing to insufficient representation.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. 15482, *dated* 24—26*th June* 1907.

The following postings of Revenue Probationers are ordered in accordance with the instructions contained in para 2 of Government Proceedings No. R. 10655-61—L. R. 586-06-1, dated 13th June 1907 :—

1. Lingo Panth Badami, B.A., to Bangalore District.
2. Abdul Khader, B.A., to Chitaldrug District.
3. Hyder Alikhan to Mysore District.
4. Mohideen Sheriff to Hassan District.
5. T. Hanumantha Rao, B.A., B.L., to be attached temporarily to the Revenue Commissioner's Office.

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR,
Revenue Commissioner.